



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Dear Overweight Permit Applicants,

Effective May 11, 2009, holders of an annual permit and single trip applicants seeking to move a load exceeding the legal weight limits of the highway system in New Hampshire, but within the manufacturer's rating of each piece of hauling equipment, will be required to provide the following additional information:

- Rated axle capacity in pounds for each axle of the hauling equipment;
- Proposed load in pounds for each axle of the hauling equipment;
- Center-to-center spacing in feet and inches between each axle of each component of the hauling equipment;
- Distance between extreme axles in feet and inches;
- Rated tire capacity in pounds for each axle of the hauling equipment;
- The proposed load on each component of the hauling equipment for supermoves or when requested by NHDOT;
- Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) for each component of the hauling equipment; and
- Gross combined weight rating (GCWR) for the entire hauling equipment.

This information is required by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to perform a review and evaluate permit applications for overweight loads. Applications for overweight loads that exceed axle capacities, axle tire capacities, GVWR, or GCWR will be denied. The applicant will then be required to resubmit the information based on revised loading configurations and/or hauling equipment for a new review by NHDOT. This will allow NHDOT to confirm and document that the proposed hauling equipment and loading configuration have adequate capacity for the proposed load.

When providing this information in the Over Haul system, click on the "?" which, in turn will provide a pop-up window with additional explanation pertaining to the data fields.

Approval to move an overweight-only load during nights and weekends will remain unchanged. A supplemental permit approved for an annual permit holder or an approved single trip permit will also be required prior to the move.

The permit applicant is required to retain all information for the application with the permit when issued by NHDOT. This may be accomplished by printing your permit from the Over Haul

system. Alternatively, holders of permit books may enter the requested information on a copy of the form enclosed with this letter. This form can be obtained online at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/operations/highwaymaintenance/overhaul/documents/axleweightspacing.doc> or from the Department in print form.

The Department recognizes that this change in process will create some disruption in how overweight permits are issued throughout the state, however, the safety of the public and the integrity of the transportation infrastructure is paramount. The Department is committed to working cooperatively with those in the transportation industry to assure that this change is implemented with minimal disruption to your activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gilbert, Oversize/Overweight Permit Supervisor, at (603)-271-6489.

Sincerely



David J. Brillhart, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer

cc: Commissioner John Barthelmes
Commissioner George N. Campbell, Jr.
Caleb Dobbins, State Maintenance Engineer

Axle Information – From Front to Rear

Axle Number	Axle Weight	Axle Center to Center Spacing	Mfg. Max Weight Rating	Tire Capacity	Tires Per Axle	Total Axle Tire Capacity
	lbs	' "	lbs	lbs		
	lbs	' "	lbs	lbs		
	lbs	' "	lbs	lbs		
	lbs	' "	lbs	lbs		
	lbs	' "	lbs	lbs		
	lbs	' "	lbs	lbs		
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By requesting and signing for this permit you are accepting and agreeing to all the terms and conditions with the permitting process, and that by applying for a permit, the holder certifies that he/she is familiar with all Federal and New Hampshire traffic, motor vehicle, and other laws, requirements, and rules governing a move including, but not limited to, time, date, and location, as well as size of load, and will be in full compliance during movement. The applicant agrees that all dimensions and weights applied for are true and correct and that a permit does not allow the permit holder to cross any load posted bridges without prior review, as well as exceed manufacturers' Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) or Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), axle capacities, or tire capacities on any portion of the permitted equipment. If the applicant crosses any load posted bridges without prior review or the load on any portion of the permitted equipment exceeds any of these manufacturers' criteria, the permit shall be null and void. The applicant agrees to move at own risk and assume all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of the vehicle or load under the permit.